

Puerto Rico a Part of the United States.

The great debate on the bill reported by the ways and means committee for fixing the status of Puerto Rico is now in congress

If the United States acquired an undisputed title to Puerto Rico, by treaty, and this island thereby became a part of the recognized possessions of the United States, in the same sense that Alaska is, or that California was, why Should Puerto Rico be treated as something else, as an alien some sense, a foreign country? We can't see the logic of levying duties against our own. There is another aspect to this. If Puerto Rico is recognized and treated as United States territory in every way, including her tariff, etc., her advantages and prosperity over those of Cuba will be so evident that Cuba will unanimously seek annexation

There are a thousand eyes on congress today. As we deal with Puerto Rico we shall surely be judged as to our professions of national purpose to bring about "beneficent

Are we to sever the island from the mother state with fair promises of liberty and then propose to give to them no more self-government and less commercial freedom than they had under Spanish rule?

Our attitud as to Puerto Rico will be watched with great interest in many quarters, but particularly in Cuba, Undoubtedly it will have very great and lasting effect upon bublic sentiment there as regards annexation to our great republic. If we manifest no feeling of regard for justice for Puerto Ricans and their needs, how can we expect anything less than a determined and growing hostility to any plan for Cuban annexation?

Mr. Clark Should Go.

Senator Clark of Montana should be expelled upon his own testimony. His acknowledgement that he spent one hundred and thirty thousand dollars for the purpose of downing his personal and political opponents in Montana was honestly and legitimately employed. Such glarfalls to expel this millionaire boss. It was even attempted to corrupt the supreme court of his state in his interest by the offers of money in large sums. The testimony brought out by the slang; witnesses pro and con is a disgrace to Montana, as it will be a disgrace to the United States senate if he is permitted to hold his seat. Such barefaced corruption as is undenied is amazing. One half of that Mon. tana legislature ought to be in the penitentlary along with a majority of the witnesses testifying in the case, and the other half of the legislature distrusted at the polls.

A Brag Which Sounds Like a Bray.

Bryan brags-Bryan is always bragging-that "nobody" has deserted "sixteen to one" since the great battle of 18%, and his hosts went down like the British at Snion of that big battle, the gentleman who was nominated for scond place on Mr. Bryan's ticket? Mr. Sewall of Maine may be a nobody, but he has gone back on 16 to 1. And there is the first man named by the silver men for presi-Pennsylvania. Sibley now declares that in face of what has since transpired, and in denial of present prosperity, it would be utter nonsense to advocate 16 to 1 if not foolishness to stand for silver at any ratio. Few tabbers are so rabid Pops and endorsed by the Democrats for a campaign of poverty, which will be made from the rear end of a palace car and consist in the cry for a fifty-cent dollar and down with

The War-Cry, "Remember the Canal,"

Hon. Eugene F. Ware, the eminent barrister and poet, is full of ment and which is against the Nicaraguan canal enterprise. Ware would that the isthmus was a thousand miles wide, so that Europe would forever be compelled to sail around the Horn to get to the Pacific Ocean, which Ware would rather expend the \$149,000,000 to dam in letting all Europe through to the Pacific, could not in the event of war, be rendered useless by a single stick of ury must be emptied by the expenditure of \$140,000,000 p might much better be employed in the construction of a four tracked trans-confinental railway, in which event there would be no chance of an after war cry of 'Remember the canal." Unquestionably there is another side to the canal proposition, and Ware vividity portrays the said off-side.

Ingalls Gets Back at Cy.

Ex-Senator Ingulis has been forced to walt a long while for an opportunity to get even with Cy Leland, The Curtis-Bailey fight affords the opportunity. Ingalis has been living as in Tuscon, Ariz, where he had gone for his He cares as little for Charley Curtis' political for ow for an amply filled just year's bird's nest, cays that Curtis noted in good faith, and that in never authe Lawrence Journal pleasantly and truthfully observes; With three minor exceptions, Mr. Ingalis is right in this Mr. Curtis was guilty of bad faith, he did authorize the Horton agreement, and he did not promptly or in any other

As to the Consent of the Governed.

Lincoln said that "no man is good enough to govern an other without the other's consent." The anti-expansionists or rolling that sentence under their tengues. That cant that in a personal sense and in relation to tracter and slave is evident enough when we recall the face that Lincoln's fame as the greatest statesman produced by the nineteenth century rests upon the fact that he compelled the people of several states to submit to a government under the constitution which they had repudinted, foresworn and sought to secede from. It cost three billions of dollars and tens of thousands of lives to prove that the the people of Puerto Rico and of the Philippines, those is lands having been acquired under solemn treaty ,to which power the constitution expressly declares that the government of the United States may acquire additional territory or territories outside of the regularly organized states. As a big majority of the people in this country have agreed that the verdiet given under Lincoln at Appomatiox was a sound verdict, so will a big majority sustain the treaty under McKinley, whereby we acquired the islands referred to. Bu there is little use of discussing or contending for this point as the Democratic party would hatch upsome other as equally an absurd issue in the absence of their anti-expansion cry That party is wrong in opposing the proposition to govern these newly acquired islands, as it will find out later on,

Hepburn Hot After Hay.

Secretary Hay has run up against a strong Republican sentiment and influence in congress with his Hay-Pauncefote treaty. It is intimated that President McKinley views the result as an invoice of "green goods." So Congressman Hepburn's bill in favor of the Nicaraguan canal and his speech suits neither Hay nor Pauncefote. Mr. Hepburn refuses to consider the nominal existence of the Clayton Rul. wer treaty as an obstacle, tensely remarking that Great Britain has disregarded the spirit of that treaty by acquiring control over the Suez canal, thus securing for herself a short route to the east completely under the control of her guns at Gillraltar, the Mediterranean Islands and the

Furthermore, the Iowa congressman declares it as his opinion "that the people of the United States want a govrnment canal, one that will be completely under the control of the United States," By means of such a canal he predicts a wonderful development of American merchant

The congressman has this among other pictures in his mind's ye: A British merchant trading from any port in Great Britain to Hong-Kong, chartering a 6,000-ton vessel and using the Suez capal, must pay as tolls a sum in excess of \$18,000 for the round voyage. His American rival, trading from New York to Hong-Kong, using the Nicaragua anal free of toll because he used a vessel made in an Amer. ican shipyard, out of American material and by American labor and loaded with American merchandise, would possess marked advantage-advantages so marked as to make it his interest to stimulate American shipbullding.

England's Friendship But an After Pretense.

Ribots is recognized as one of the ablest and most exerienced of masters of statecraft in France. The presumption is, therefore, that he speaks with knowledge when he declares: "England did nothing, never intimated, either through her regular diplomacy or through any other authoritative channel, that it was her intention to oppose any action against the United States. And for this there is the best reason in the world, namely, that no such action against the United States and in favor of Spain was ever contemplated by European powers. Therefore any forbidding intimation from Great Britain would have been highly uncalled for and bitterly resented by the other powers as a gratuit,

Nineteenth Century Achievements--Electricity.

Electricity is in itself one of the greatest discoveries all time, and a large number of its applications stand emost among the acmevements of the century. Guessed at by the ancients it had its scientific beginnings with the can, Franklin, But it was the Italian, Alexander olta, who, working out a hint given by his compatriot, alvani, produced the device known as Volta's pile, and charged electricity from a scientific plaything to a recogdaed power, whose limit of usefulness can only be guessed Then came Joseph Henry, an American, with his vol-When the dynamo, a result of the congress of many brains ame to supplement the electric motor, the new era of elec. tricity had fully set in. Thomas A. Edison is the great proingonist of the new era. Following in his footsteps came his pupil, Nikola Tesla. The latter's polyphase alternating urrent system for the transmission and distribution of power electrically from Niagara Falls is a gigantic coneption, which, in its present infancy, gives promise of be me an epoch-making fact. The numerous discoveries and aventions of Edison-the telephone, the phonograph, the incloscope, all calling in the aid of electricity-are treated under other heads. So are the telegraph and the electric oter power, to which Edison has likewise made important utions. In developing the uses of electricity for illu minuting purposes as great an advance over gas as that was over the ell lamp, Edison also stands supreme with his inandescent lamp, invented in 1831. This consists of a carbon filament, fixed to two platinum wires, a glass bulb, in which the ex-editor and retired army officer, is out in a piece which | a vacuum has been formed, and a threaded base inserted in the neck of the bulb, waich boids the lamp in its socket.

In a fight in the court room at Sloux Falls, S. D., Tues. by an opposing Hilgant. In this position he kicked the pre-siding judge in the neck. Now, if South Dakota will act on this suggestion and get Senator Pettigrew to reverse himself he may be able to accomplish something,

Sanator Clark's testimony before the senate committee attracted no attention Tuesday. Nobody cares anything for plain swearing in Washington. It is the man dashes up wanin clubbling distance of the truth and skims away on a picture-sque curve that does the magnanimous thing by public interest.

Stillwell's new trans-continental railroad, it'is said, will empleted through Kansas in time to haul out some of next year's wheat crop. The present prospect is that the state will need another railroad to get the wheat out. Kansas is pulling on her parade clothes again.

When Senator Welcott said that Bryan's proposition to pay our obligations to foreign countries in depreciated correccy unless they joined the free silver craze was bi-metalism by blackmail, he landed on all the Nebraska man's ribs between the first and the last.

If Porto Rico is to be a part of the United States where is the consistency or justice of putting that country under a tariff tax. If it is not there is nothing to do but to folw he course that has made this country rich and great

Edward Markham, author of "The Man With the Hoe." and also some cipher verses on Lincoln, complains that the people misinterpret his poetry. The meaning in most of Markham's stuff is hermetically scaled to everybody except

The Populisis decided to hold their national convention

Sloux City on May 9th. The committee decided to base

stion on the vote received by J. B. Weaver in 1892. The American people will base the election on the Three trusts have moved from Chicago to New York n account of the Illinois anti-trust law. As soon as the

American people can get time to go after the trusts the matter will be settled in a perfectly satisfactory way. The inhabitants of Kimberley ate the last house in town about three hours before General French got there. However, they had saved the soup bones for two weeks and

were prepared to hold out indefinitely. There may be no such thing as luck in every-day life, but there is in war. If Roberts had been sent where Buller was the world would have been giving him the horse laugh

Lord Roberts should not be to fast to grow warm in confidence. Paul Kruger may cutch the manifest destiny of he Anglo-Saxon race trokking around Lip Drift kepje and

ust as it has Bailer.

The Sea's Restitution.

For two days it did not lift nor thin, and t was difficult to believe, in spite of he fog, that the ship was making any headway at all. It seemel almost as if the world had ceased to be, or as if it existed but in a state of flux, and as if we, enchanted ones, accursed with an immunity from the common destruction, were left to contemplate the nothingness. Then, to add to our sense of doom, a ing haby was said to have died on phoard. At first every one took it for granted that its mother must have been steerage, or at the least a second-cabin assenger. It seemed unlikely that death would be so imepertinent to enter the irst cabin. But it was learned taht teh over had been even more insolent that-it had taken a child much more

avored of fortune, the heir to great I went to visit Mrs. Morell, the child's She was tall and white, and with wide eyes, which must have been beautiful when she was happy. Now a sort of blankness like that of the air and the sea had come into them.

I could not see her soul for her sorrow.
She offered no confidence; indeed, my sympathy could not rech lo her duled

sense. Her grief was between us, im-pregnetable as the fog through which the ip crept cautiously captain asked me if I would be viling to have my bady buried at sea, he said to me in a voice which remir ed me of a mournful bell, "and I told him I had no objection whatever."

I einculated, in surprise. "Nothing is more peaceful than the sea depths," she responded, and it being night she asked me to walk upon the deck with under cover of the darkness.

More in sympathy than in curiosity I "Your husband is awaiting you in

"Yes," she responded, her voice strange colorless. "He will be at the wharf. He will expecte to see the baby in my arms. He has never seen the baby, you know. I have been with my mother, who lives in Paris, and when the baby was three months old I started for home." We paused at the bulwark, and she lok-

"It will make a soft cradle," she said, Her courage wrung my heart.
'Where do you find the strength to en-lure such a grief?' I cried. "Indeed," she responded, with the mournful shadow of a smile, "that I can-not tell. It does not seem as if it were ealy I who has met with this great miseen so dashed, surely I would not be

ourial service with solemn accent, and not the colorless sea, through the white accasely of the fog, the little one was owered, reverently. I stod beside the nother, and I would have sustained her with my arm but that she gently repulsd me. She swayed a little from side to ide, but there were no tears on the face hat looked out of the quaint pointed hood of her sen cloak. She stared ahead of her at the stupid fog-she looked, baffled,

into abscurity. Suddely, an hour after the funeral, the fog lifted. It relied up as a curtain rolls and it was a suffron color, gleaning and splendid. When it lifted, a sparkling sen was revealed, and a cloudless sky. The world seemed radiant. It seemed to exuit in its beauty. Mrs. Morell cast a lok of reproach at this vaunting of nature's youth and joy, and went to her

her and delicate evidences of sympathy. but her maid alone returned thanks. The next morning found her still in seclusion. More than one of us thought of invadng that sacred solicitude, but at the last

It was the afternoon of that day that the man on the bridge espled an object upon the horizon at the south. It was a black speck, visible in a short time to

"It is manned and flying a flag of distress." The course of our ship was changed. We went racing through the green water, rejoicing in the gest of the hour-in the

y from a long boat manned with haggard

as the companion ladder was being lowpassengers of the Nina Celeste, sir."

oat lowered capsized. The women-there were two-were lower into it. But the men were frightened, the flames made such headway, so they jumped. We are all who remain. Three of us were picked up from the overturned boat. But the others were dragged down in the swirl of the boat-it got to going round and

bound from Bermada to New York, carrying a cargo of

wing to a fog."
The boat's load came on board-fifteen pale men-and one of them carried something in his arms.

What do you carry?" asked the cap-in. "Is it a child?" "Yes, sir. It is the babe of one of the women who was lost. I was just about to hand it down to her—"

There was a sharp croy from among the crowd of passengers, Mrs. Merell was She was entirely unconscious of the owd, apparently. Some one whispered the man who held the bahe: Her little one was buried yesterday at

man shuffled his burden awkwardly head. Mrs. Morell reached him and her hands seemed to hover above the cov-erings of the child's face as an avid bee

hovers above a flower.

"It is nive," she half whispered, after she had bent above it, all trembling. "It is breathing!" It seemed as if she hought that fact a wirt of a miracle She lifted the huby eagerly from the man's arms, and straining it close to her walked with rapid, uncertain steps to-ward her cable, and as also went she who had hitherto shed no tear, sobbed aloud .- Chicago Tribune.

Sayings of the Wits. "War is a terrible thing," said the phi-

"Yes," the witness declared, "I could give further evidence against the prison-er, but as Kipling says: That's an-

"Never mind what Kip Ling says," in-terropied the magistrate, "the Chinese can lessify for himself when his turn

ane-I told you a secret Fosterday and on went hight off and told it. Kitty-I know it. Jane-Wast did you do that for? Ritty-What pleasure is there in telling anything that everybody knows - Detroit

Says an Irishmant "It's a great comfort to be alone especially when your sweetheart is with you."-Chicago News.

Boer Child-Pather, if I were carrying Bible in one hand and a gun in the and an enemy approached, which hould I drop first! Father-The enemy, my son-

Stocks-Det you propose to Miss Richleigh today? Bonde-Yes, I have the refusal of her. -Brookign Life.

Outlines of Oklahoma.

Perkins business men have organized a building and loan association. The third day out from Havre a fog came up and made the world onaque. Oklahoma City will now chew the rag

> Henry Dunbar, who killed Fuller, the itinerant gambler, at El Reno recently, has been released.

El Reno fips up all agog over an at-tempt to move the postoffice from Rock Island avenue to Bickford avenue.

Newkirk has taken up the proposition to organize a commercial club to be fashfoned after Oklahoma City's rafiroad get-Oklahoma City expects 50,000 visitors

at the Rough Riders' reunion, and has al-ready commenced to pile up material for

was hatched at El Reno, has shown up at Newkirk It is estimated that 1,800 people attended the El Reno cattlemen's convention. If Billy Bolton was properly enumerated the

number should be 1,810. Newkirk Democrat: City politics are a dangerous commodity in a little town and the man who can monkey with it and keep his friends is a bird. Guthrie Capital: Carnegie and Frick the foolish to quarrel over the pattry sum

200,000,128 21 Why don't they come to Oklahoma and go to raising wheat? Governor Barnes will not attend the meeting of governors in Washington on account of the absence of Secretary Jenkins, who was called away by the death

of a relative Work on the Rock Island extension from Guthrie to Kingfisher has commenced, and both these towns are throwing their ats in the direction advised by the motto of Kunsas.

It is safe to assume that Judge McAtes has not gone to Washington to coutinue himself in office. Whether President Mc-Kinley has decided to remove the judge or allow him to held on, he would hardly change his mind by request of McAtee And Judge McAtee knows this.

It is told of a young man at King Osher that in company with a young lad friend he went skating. The ice hin in one or two places, they both fell n. The water was seven feet deep and the young man had presence of mind enough to hold his breath, walk on the sottom and push the young lady to where the could clamber out on the solid ice. and then pull himself out after her

Oklahoma City Times-Journal: J. C. Cantrell of Bristow, I. T., is forming a regiment of Rough Riders to take part in the South African war on the Boer side, Mr. Cantrell is reported to have received from the Transvaul republic 85-000 to be used in paying the expenses of the weeps."

The next morning the captain read the troops to the Boer army, and he has urial service with solemn accent, and agents in different portions of the Indian territory, Oklahoma and Montana who are engaged in calisting men for the service. Yesterday Mr. Cantrell went to St. Louis to consult with an agent of Predof enlistment free transportation is pro vided for each enlisted man and for the commissioned officers transportation for their families is also provided and assurance of permanent employment is given to all after the war is over. The plan adopted by Mr. Cantrell is to recruit in ompanies of fifty men each, who will seect their own officers.

Future generations in Oklahoma will ertainly rise up and bless the plonser ewspaper boys. They have already earnd the honor. Besides holding up Okla ma's wealth of advantages, limate, its lavish reward of labor to the spection of the entire country, re pounding away manfully for free omes, helping to push improvements each in his own town and in the terriat the adornments which shall add to enjoyment of acquired competen r awhile must rut be forgotten. all the papers down among the records of brick blocks begun, of railroads comthe plea is always found: "Plant trees, plant them early and plentifully; dig a pond and put fish in it; beautify the it will always be largely indebted to the boys of these very days.

Along the Kansas Nile.

The Missouri Pacific will build from McPherson to Marquette, in McPherson county. Every town in Kansas that m't getting a telephone system is after

At Scandia, Kansas, a rural free deary of mail will be commenced March The carrier will take letters to 625 ople scattered over thirty-one square

miles of territory. A. M. Harvey's back-out of the race for governor was simply a ruse to get his friends to speak up so he could locate The number was sufficient to

Induce him to back in again, The Curtis-Balley racket in the First district is moving. The Curtis people have now reached the place where they consider it good capital to ask that Leand's record as pension agent be inves-

John Seaton soaked the Balley meeting in cold water at Archison Tuesday night, by putting on a play at his opera house and throwing the doors wide open to the

A Dodge City paper says that a farmer went into a joint there last week, and got so gay that the jointist soaked him er the head with a beer bottle. It

gets into a "dive" will get scaked.

etitch of curtain and carpet that it he The daughter of Former Secretary State Bush has sued the Union Pac raticoad for \$10,000 damages she sustains a Santa Fe clerk at Topeka. doing the driving at the time of the so

burhoods and exchange dresses and h answered the Filipine. "That dated for the money it would take to be almost as had as ward paying the expense of a very blevele race."—Washington last retreat of ours was almost as had as a six days' blaycle race."—Washington Paris. As the club's sessions are all ton the six it is not known how m to be about \$3.

> Bigh life news in the Atchien Giole Sam Parter, colored, was full last night and felt good. He got hungry about clock and went into George Gempio offiliard hall on West Main street, a stracked the free lunch. He was choicul, and first parteck of the bologic then the cheese, then he fact outside some anurkrant and wienerwurst, tack led the fried liver, skeletinized the fai and whetted his thirst a little furthe with pretacle. There was some head choose lying on a large platter, cut in chunks about the size of a supper. He the head courses, and slapped the chains on the fact. Picking up three or four clauses he commenced throwing them at Gourge Gemple's head. Porter then raked all the free lunch off the cowent for a rock and Gemala want for gun Perter threw the rock through the front window at Gemple, and Gemple about through another window at Parter Porter was arrested, but was not po

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"We had had colds, so had as to be almost chronic, and for some time after the drops into cold water I would be so choked up that I could hardly speak above a whaper.

"Then I had been affected with could night swents for almost two rears. My appetits was poor and I was badly run down, so badly, in fact, that when I felt the worst I often made up my mind to quit the business.

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